

26 Coleman St City London

13/2 1862.

George F. Story, Respected Friend

~~I~~ In the year 1859 a Letter of complaint against Thomas Cotton was put into my hand as an Overseer of Devonshire House Monthly meeting, but as I & was a member of Peel mo meeting, the letter was placed in the hands of an overseer of that Meeting, some years having passed over and not hearing more about it I concluded that the complaint was settled, but having recently seen a Letter from Tasmania by which it shewd no satisfaction had been given one of our Friends had seen Tho Cotton and having heard his paltzy excuses has strenuously advised him immediately to forward the Goods ordered and pay the Interest of Money accruing by his procrastination. Tho Cotton has promised to forward these things by the next ship, but if he neglects to send them then Friends of Devonshire House Monthly Meeting are open to act on thy complaint if one is hereafter united as an alteration has been made to the boundaries, a part which before was Peel is now included in Devonshire House of which I & is now an unworthy Member.

I am, & truly thy Friend

As a reply to this Letter will be acceptable
Believe me 20/5/62 Resp. D. L. Simmons

D. L. Simmons

I received thy letter of 13/2/62 and am very sorry for the trouble & the communication, and the trouble Friends have taken in the matter. In 1859 I wrote the first letter to the Overseers of D. S. H. Meeting and in 8th 1860 a second letter & when our Br. W. B. Kennedy visited Belgrade I ~~spoke~~ ^{spoke} of the matter to him, and ~~one time visited the London~~ & he promised to assist me, but as I had

yearly meeting it would not be ~~wisely~~ ^{the one occurring in}
~~at this time I am overruling the proposition to enquire~~
 into it, as however the matter still remains ^{and knowing what ely to do} secret, and I had
 heard nothing from friends of Dr. H. I took the liberty of ^{and} ~~advising~~
 saying the matter before your Eastern and enclosed ^{the letter}
~~in the letter~~ ^{the receipt of the letter} ~~in the enclosure~~ ^{the receipt of the letter}
~~and they left the matter to your discretion~~ ^{the receipt of the letter}
 received on the subject, I am ^{now} in hopes ~~now~~ this affair
 which has given me so much anxiety ^{occasional ones} I ^{have} ~~been~~ ^{such} ~~and~~
~~its appointment with you will thro your mediation~~ ^{be brought}
~~to a close, yet unless some kind friend will undertake to see~~
~~the matter~~ ^{as it is} ~~settled~~ ^{settled} I have no faith in any promise
 Dr. Cotton may make, if after all the ^{indicated} ~~setters~~ ^{matter} have ~~nothing~~
~~subjection to him, leaving pointers out so frequently the~~
~~injustice in detaining the things, and my being forced to make~~
~~a public matter of it, he has remained so obstinate, I cannot~~
~~suppose he will of himself do anything.~~

I will cheerfully repay any expenses Thyeby or other friends
 may incur ~~and shall leave the matter in their hands~~
 that may be occasioned either in post or shipping or otherwise, and with
 am reassured of leaving the matter ~~in the hands of those who~~
 have taken an interest in it leading it to be brought to a close
 so that it may be brought to a close in the way they consider
 best.